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Title : "METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE DROP RATE, THE TRANSIT DELAY AND THE BREAK STATE OF COMMUNICATIONS OBJECTS"

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97

The Honourable Commissioner
of Patents & Trademarks,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, including particularly subsections (g) and (h) thereof, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98 including specifically subsection (d) thereof, Applicant calls to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, copies of which are enclosed:

AA US 5,559,955 Dev et al. 24 Sept. 1996.

AI WO 93/10495 Cabletron Systems Inc. 1993.

AN "Performance evaluation of PC routers using a single-server multi-queue system with a reflection technique"; A.Jirachiefpattana et al., Computer Communications, Vol 1, No. 20, pp 1-10, January 1997.

AO "Structure and use of signalling in B-ISDNs"; R.O.Onvural et al., Computer Networks and ISDN Systems, Vol. 3, pp 307-323, 1996.

AP "Fuzzy Routing"; W. Arnold et al., Fuzzy Sets and Systems, Vol.2, pp 131-153; January 23, 1997.

AQ "Dynamic Qos Control of Multimedia Applications Based on RTP"; Vol. 1, pp 49-58, 1966.

These references were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on the equivalent PCT application on April 17, 1998. It is drawn to the Examiner's attention that references AA and AI are two versions of the same reference: the US patent AA is the national phase entry equivalent of the WO publication AI. Applicants also do not have a more accurate date for reference AC. A copy of the International Search Report, which includes an indication of the relevance of these references, is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be entered into the record of this application. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate area on the enclosed copy of PTO Form 1449, thereby indicating consideration by the Examiner of each of these references.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the references identified herein, and requests timely and favourable examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted

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